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Amendments to the Specification:

The following amendment is made to paragraph [0034]:

[0034] Like the previous embodiments, the sizing member 56 is preferably manufactured
5 from a biologically-compatible material such as, without limitation, elastomer, silicon, or any
other material having sufficient resiliency to permit pre-stretching of the annuloplasty ring 44 prior
to and during implantation, while having sufficient contractive force to decrease the size of the
valve annulus to a desired diameter. Similarly, the tissue-engaging sheath 58 is preferably
manufactured from a biologically-compatible material having comparable resiliency, such as,
10 without limitation, Dacron (polyethylene ~~terephthalate~~ ~~terephthalate~~), polyester knit, PTFE knit,
and ePTFE knit, and may further incorporate tissue growth-enhancing materials. The attachment
device 54 may comprise various tissue-engaging devices, including, for example, needles, barbs,
or hooks. Those skilled in the art will appreciate the attachment devices 54 is preferably
manufactured from a biologically-compatible material such as, without limitation, stainless steel,
15 titanium, or Nickel-Titanium alloy (Nitinol). Figure 3D shows a perspective view of the
annuloplasty ring of the present embodiment having a plurality of attachment devices 54
positioned about the device body 44.